

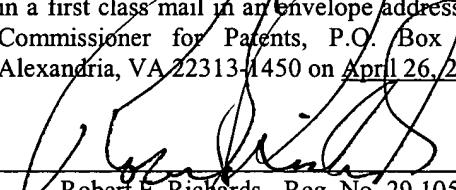


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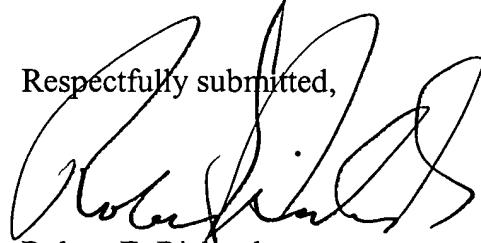
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The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. The Applicants await further examination in due course.

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